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SUBJ: REACTION TO WALL STREET JOURNAL STORY ON PHILIP MORRIS

1. REACTING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTING OF WALL STREET JOURNAL STORY ON INDIRECT INVOLVEMENT OF PHILIP MORRIS (PM) IN BRIBES AND ILLICIT POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN DR, PRESIDENT BALAGUER HAS INSTRUCTED ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG) TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION. HIS LETTER TO AG STATES THAT IF PM REFUSES TO GIVE NAMES OF PERSONS WHO RECEIVED ILLICIT PAYMENTS, LEGAL PROCEDURES SHOULD BE INITIATED TO DECLARE THE FIRM UNDESIRABLE AND TO REQUEST IT TO TERMINATE ITS ACTIVITIES IN DR.

2. WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN JOURNAL STORY BY RAYMOND JOSEPH, BUT LENGTHY EXCERPTS CARRIED HERE INCLUDE ALLEGATIONS THAT PM'S DOMINICAN AFFILIATE E LEON JIMENEZ, INC. (ELJ) MADE MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF \$1,000 DURING 1973 TO PRESIDENT BALAGUER, PAID \$16,000 IN 1975 AS BRIBE TO A TAX OFFICIAL, GAVE \$120,000 TO DOMINICAN CONGRESSMEN OVER RECENT YEARS FOR FAVORABLE LEGISLATION, AND CONTRIBUTED SOME \$200,000 TO DOMINICAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGNS. ELJ PRESIDENT IS REPORTED TO HAVE DENIED GIVING MONEY TO BALAGUER BUT TO HAVE ADMITTED CONTRIBUTING TO POLITICAL PARTIES SINCE THIS IS CUSTOMARY PRACTICE IN DR.

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3. IN REPLY TO LOCAL PRESS INQUIRY, ELJ PRESIDENT SAID PM OWNS 43 PERCENT OF ELJ, BUT LATTER HAS COMPLETE AUTONOMY AND FUNCTIONS EXCLUSIVELY UNDER DOMINICAN LAW.  
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